

Friday, June 20, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported the following: The Financial Services Competitives Act; the Balanced Budget Act; the Revenue Reconciliation Act; and the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6017-S6048

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 942-949, and S. Con. Res. 34. Pages S6040-41

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 949, to provide revenue reconciliation pursuant to section 104(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-33)

S. 947, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. Page S6040

Measures Passed:

Electric and Magnetic Fields Research Extension: Senate passed H.R. 363, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination program, clearing the measure for the President. Page S6048

DOD Authorizations: Senate continued consideration of S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S6019-24, S6026-27

Pending:

Cochran/Durbin Amendment No. 420, to require a license to export computers with composite theoretical performance equal to or greater than 2,000 million theoretical operations per second. Pages S6019-24, S6026

Grams Amendment No. 422 (to Amendment No. 420), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the availability

and potential risks relating to the sale of certain computers. Pages S6022-24, S6026

Coverdell (for Inhofe/Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 423, to define depot-level maintenance and repair, to limit contracting for depot-level maintenance and repair at installations approved for closure or realignment in 1995, and to modify authorities and requirements relating to the performance of core logistics functions. Pages S6026-27

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, June 24, 1997.

Authority for Committee: Committee on Finance was authorized until 12 midnight, today, to file a report. Page S6048

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 3:32 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, June 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6048.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 947) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 84, establishing

the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

RECONCILIATION

Committee on Finance: Committee completed its review of recommendations which it will make to the

Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases with regard to tax provisions to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 2002–2007; 1 private bill, H.R. 2008; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 173, were introduced. Pages H4132–33

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.J. Res. 79, disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China (Adverse, H. Rept. 105–140); and

H.R. 1278, to authorize appropriations for the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, amended (H. Rept. 105–66 Part II). Pages H4131–32

Journal Vote: By a yea-and-nay vote of 336 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 218, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, June 19.

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Special Investigative Authorities: By a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 194 noes Roll No. 220, the House agreed to H. Res. 167, providing Special Investigative Authorities for the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Pages H4091–H4103

Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 219.

Pages H4101–02

Department of Defense Authorization Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on Thursday, June 19. Further consideration of amendments will resume on Monday, June 23. Pages H4103–21

Agreed to:

Hefley amendment that transfers jurisdiction of Naval Oil Shale Reserves Numbered 1 and 3 located in the State of Colorado from the Department of En-

ergy to the Bureau of Land Management; and authorizes the lease with private entities to explore, develop, and produce petroleum, other than oil shale, located on the public domain lands (agreed to by a recorded vote of 248 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 222); Pages H4108–10, H4118–19

The Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that requires the President to submit certifications concerning the targeting or re-targeting of Russian Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles at sites in the United States (agreed to by a recorded vote of 290 yeas to 100 noes, Roll No. 223); and Pages H4110–16, H4119

The Traficant amendment that authorizes the assignment of up to 10,000 DOD personnel to assist border patrol and control by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Customs Service at the request of the Attorney General in the case of the INS or the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of the Customs Service (agreed to by a recorded vote of 269 yeas to 119 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 224). Pages H4116–17, H4120

Rejected:

The Luther amendment that sought to terminate further production of the Trident D–5 submarine launched ballistic missile. Pages H4103–08, H4117–18

Agreed to H. Res. 169, as amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of June 23. Page H4120

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Saturday, June 21, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 23, for morning hour debate. Page H4122

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 25. Page H4122

Senate Messages: Message received today from the Senate appears on pages H4089